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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

NATHAN ET AL.

Examiner

Christopher R Nalevanko

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 September 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 9 and 10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 9 and 10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Terminal Disclaimer

The terminal disclaimer filed on 09/16/2004 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of U.S. Patent No. 6,182,126 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 9 and 10 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 9 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Sampat et al (5,557,724).

Regarding Claim 9, Sampat shows a method of operating a home digital audiovisual information recording and playback apparatus (col. 4 lines 40-60, col. 5 lines 25-35, user selected viewing channel, col. 13 lines 38-62, client receiving data and playing or recording), the apparatus having a set of electronic circuits managed by a central processor using a multitask operating system (col. 4 lines 53-60, Microsoft

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Windows operating system), the method comprising displaying menus with user-selectable system operation options (fig. 2-9, col. 4 lines 47-53, user interface with options, col. 5 lines 40-62, program guide), enabling a selection of desired audiovisual information for reproduction (col. 5 lines 24-62, col. 6 lines 1-10, program guide allowing selection of media), effecting payment for the desired audiovisual information (col. 5 lines 63-67, col. 6 lines 1-2, credit card information), inputting a user personal identification number (col. 5 lines 55-61, entering personal password), downloading from a main server the desired audiovisual information only after payment has been effected and a valid personal identification number has been supplied (col. 7 lines 48-65, transmits digital data packets over network for receipt by client, col. 13 lines 40-58, network interface of client receives data packets), and using the multitask operating system to reproduce audiovisual information during the downloading (col. 13 lines 58-63, col. 14 lines 23-25, concurrent playing of data while storing).

Regarding Claim 10, Sampat shows the use of a variety of buffers for storing sound data and video data (col. 17 lines 5-67, col. 18 lines 35-55, recycle buffer, net post buffer, write buffer, variety of buffer commands for reading and writing multiple packets of audio/video data).

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Billock et al U.S. Patent No. 5,619,249 discloses a telecasting service for providing video programs on demand with an interactive interface for facilitating viewer selection of video programs.

Allen U.S. Patent No. 5,418,713 discloses an apparatus and method for an on demand data delivery system for the preview, selection, retrieval and reproduction at a remote location of previously recorded or programmed materials.

Anderson U.S. Patent No. 6,148,142 discloses a multi-user, on-demand video server system including independent, concurrently operating remote data retrieval controllers.

Haddad U.S. Patent No. 5,835,843 discloses an interactive audiovisual distribution system.

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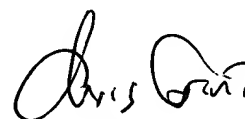
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher R Nalevanko whose telephone number is 703-305-8093. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chris Grant can be reached on 703-305-4755. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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